

2003 Report of Accomplishments Benton Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in 2003 – Summary

- 2,884 acres mapped w/District GPS for farm plan maps
- 1,100 linear feet of streambank GPS for landowners
- 190 Dryland Acres mulched w/District provided Straw Mulcher (chopper)
- 530 tons straw applied (cost-shared by District)
- 57 acres of wildlife habitat planted
- 16,151 plants & trees planted
- 209 farm plans assisted NRCS with completion
- 92 soil moisture monitors distributed to eligible landowners



Mission of the Benton Conservation District

- Advocate for proper use and treatment of renewable natural resources.

Water Quality Implementation

- 375 samples from 3 main tributaries of Yakima River
- 21 samples from Yakima River mainstem
- 1 volunteer assists with sampling on weekly basis

Basic Funding

- Staff training
- Allows for non-grant related expenditures
- Keeps District doors open

Local Funding (private grants)

- 80 projects funded
- 3,711.9 acres involved
- 3069.3 tons of soil retained
- 129,673.07 acre/inches of water saved

Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration

- 57 acres of wildlife habitat planted
- 16,151 plants & trees planted

Information & Education

- 550 students involved in *Salmon In The Classroom* program
- 60 teachers and volunteers involved in *Salmon In The Classroom* program
- 189 students received watershed education presentations
- 8 dryland growers attend District sponsored wind Erosion workshop
- 21 Attendees & 9 speakers at 8th Annual *Irrigated Ag Tour* (all day tour)
- 2 volunteers assist with coordination and light refreshments at Ag Tour
- 18 Attendees & 6 speakers at Annual *Pest Management Seminar*
- 36 campers (13-16 yrs. Old) sent to Inland Empire Natural Resource Youth Camp (through private scholarships obtained by District)
- ~3500 general public contacts through information booth & display at Ben-Franklin fair
- 4 volunteers assist with staffing fair booth
- 1750 quarterly newsletters mailed throughout District

Washington Conservation Districts assisting land managers with their conservation choices

